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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/519,482	SAARNISAARI ET AL.
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	Tesfaldet Bocure	2611

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 25-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 25-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/10/04 & 1/31/06</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) received on February 12, 2004 has been considered in full by the Examiner, however the IDS received on January 31, 2006 has been considered in part because the references 5,271,038, GB 2304000 and EP 11808851 have been already cited in the IDS of February 12, 2004 which are considered by the Examiner. The initialed copies (two copies) of the IDSs are attached with this correspondence.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract of the disclosure is in the PCT application rather than on a separate sheet at the end of the disclosure. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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Claims 25-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claimed subject invention is not limited to practical application. Viewed as a whole, the claimed invention is merely putting the samples on ascending order, setting a reference set; forming a threshold, multiplying, comparing the set of elements having a greatest value and forming an acceptable absolute value set for the corresponding sample set. It does not impart any practical application to the received signal in the telecommunication system.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US patent Publication US 2002/0015459 to Happonen et al., US patent numbers 6,011,430, 6,246,732, 6,385,261, and 6,665,516 to Kim, Kobayashi et al., Tsuji et al., Tsuji et al. respectively disclose a receiver having means for reducing impulse noise.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tesfaldet Bocure whose telephone number is (571) 272-3015. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (7:30a-5:00p) & Mon.-Fri (7:30a-5:00p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayanti (Jay) Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone

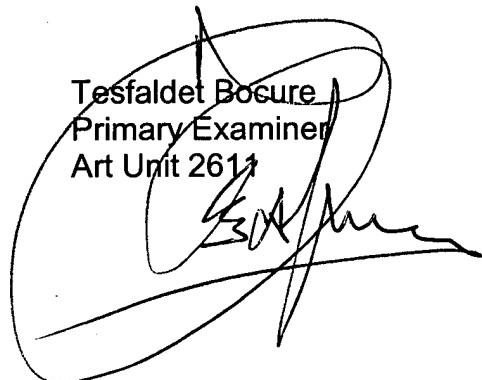
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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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T.Bocure

Tesfaldet Bocure
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Bocure". Above the signature, the name "Tesfaldet Bocure" is printed in a standard font, followed by "Primary Examiner" and "Art Unit 2611". The signature is written over a large, roughly circular outline.